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In re Application of:

Wilhelm HOERRMANN

Serial No.: 09/926,444

Filed: January 29, 2002

For: LABORATORY EXAMINATION OF A  
BODY FLUID OR TISSUE SAMPLE

Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

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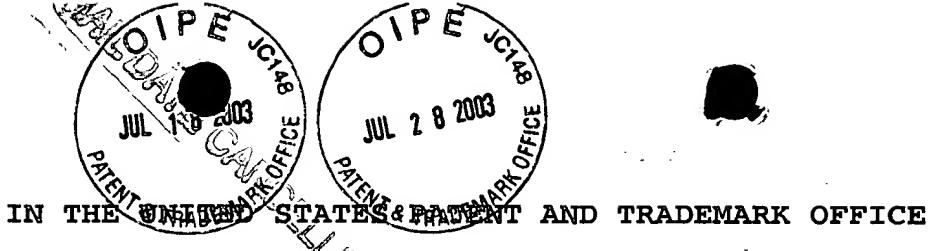
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This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 27, 2003.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A laboratory assay [Laboratory test] of a body fluid or tissue sample, [characterized in that] which comprises detecting cis-hydroxyproline and derivatives thereof [are detected] by [means of] quantitative analysis.

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2. (Currently Amended) The laboratory assay [Laboratory test] of [a body fluid or tissue sample, as claimed in] claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein cis-4-hydroxyproline is detected [by means of quantitative analysis].